

December 24, 2015
Maine Milk Commission Meeting Minutes
Deering Building, Room 233
Augusta, Maine 04333

Notices for the December 24, 2015 meeting were distributed to Commission members, intervenors and other interested parties on November 19, 2015 and sent to the Secretary of State's Office for posting on November 19, 2015.

Commission Present: Mike Wiers, Colon Durrell, Richard Cook, Matt Randall and Stanley Millay

Commission Absent: None

Department Officials: Commissioner, Walter Whitcomb

Staff Present: Tim Drake, Executive Director and Carol Gauthier, Office Associate

Legal Counsel: Absent

Others Present: John Blake, H.P. Hood, Julie-Marie Bickford, MDIA, Jim Lesser of Oakhurst Dairy, Jordan Clark and Bill Randall of Agri-Mark and Clayton Davis, DFA/DMS; Also Mary Frank and Debbie Millay, members of the public.

Chairman Wiers called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes: Richard Cook made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting as presented. Colon Durrell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item 2: Lauren Parker, Assistant Attorney General:

Agenda Item 3: Minimum Prices:

Tim Drake reported that a prevailing premium of \$1.10/cwt. on Class I for January 2016, Dairy Marketing Services (DMS). In addition to this premium, DMS reported that an additional \$0.43/cwt for milk that comes from producers who do not treat their cows with the rBST hormone will be in effect. Agri-Mark reported a total premium remains the same for January. Federal Order One Class I price for January is \$19.29, a decrease of \$0.67/cwt. He explained that a schedule was prepared using this information plus a producer cost of production adjustment (COPA) of \$1.35/cwt. He stated that this price schedule was for informational purposes and that the Commission was not bound to it, and should make their pricing determination after hearing testimony.

Chairman Wiers asked for testimony.

Julie Marie Bickford noted the decrease in price and stated that with forecasted decreasing prices a discussion would be had going forward on increasing the COPA in the coming months.

Stan Millay then made a motion to accept order #01-16 with a producer margin of \$1.35/cwt. and a Commission premium of \$1.53/cwt.

Matt Randall seconded the motion.

Chairman Wiers called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item 4: Maine Monthly Price Survey: The Commission reviewed the Maine price survey for December 2015 which showed retail prices for Augusta, Brunswick, Topsham, Bangor, Brewer, South Portland, Scarborough, Saco and Biddeford. The IAMCA survey for October was also reviewed.

Agenda Item 5: Next Scheduled Meetings:

- January 12, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
Augusta Civic Center
- January 22, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- February 19, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta ME
- March 24, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta ME
- April 21, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, Augusta ME

Agenda Item 6: Other:

- A. Monthly Financial Report:** The second quarter FY 16 report was reviewed.
- B. Commissioner Whitcomb:** The Commissioner gave an update on his testimony given during the California Federal Order hearing. He also updated the Commission on the upcoming Trade Show and Department news.

Agenda Item 7: Executive Session: None

Adjourned: Adjourned; 10:46 a.m. December 24, 2015.
Tim Drake, Maine Milk Commission